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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent as follows:

#### IN THE BACKGROUND OF INVENTION:

Line 3, delete "Patent Application Number 09/452,904, filed December 1, 1999" insert--U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/110,705, filed December 3, 1998 and co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09,452,904, filed on December 1, 1999.--

#### **REMARKS**

Changes to the background have been made to improve accuracy. Applicant respectfully requests that the application be allowed to issue as soon as possible. The Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned if this will clarify any issues or otherwise advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clean Replacement Sections as Amended for Examiner's Convenience



# DIGITAL WIRELESS LOUDSPEAKERS BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/110,705, filed December 3, 1998 and co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/452,904, filed on December 1, 1999.

# FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to digital wireless loudspeaker systems.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

Traditionally wires are required to connect an audio source, such as the output of a hi-fi power amplifier, to a set of loudspeakers. These wires are inconvenient, since they often need to be run under carpeting and floors, and through walls and ceilings. As home theater systems, often involving six surround sound loudspeakers, become increasingly popular, the wiring problem becomes a major annoyance. Wireless loudspeakers that communicate with the audio source via RF transmission remove the need for this web of wires.

Wireless loudspeakers have existed for some time [Recoton Patent Reference]. The analog FM transmission systems used in these speakers have resulted in relatively low-fidelity systems with signal to